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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement that was made in the Office Action mailed September 16, 1998, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention illustrated in the Species of Figure 7. Claims 41-47 read on the Species of Figure 7. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 41-47 are generic.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination. Accordingly, prompt examination of the application is requested. Should there be any questions regarding this

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Response to Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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